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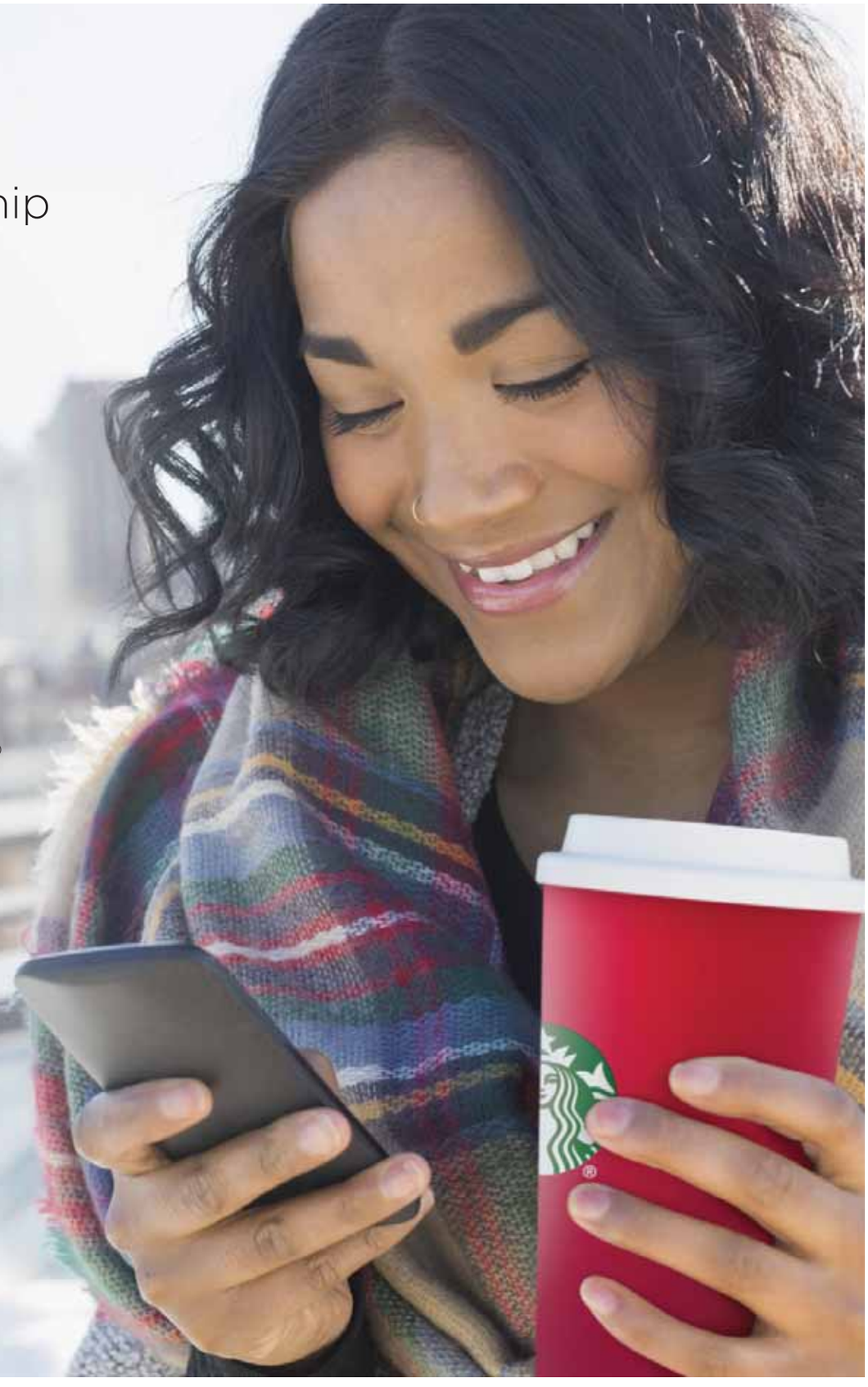
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MAYOR MIKE SAVAGE



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Big crowd hits the Oval for first skate of winter

WINTER

Season kicks off with a brisk wave of enthusiasm



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax



There was a large crowd of skaters Monday enjoying opening day, which included access to a new $2.5-million facility. **The addition houses new washrooms, equipment rentals, a warming area, and storage space for rink equipment.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

Martin Little travelled a long way to enjoy opening day at the Emera Oval.

The Cornwall, England resident was in Halifax to visit friends but said experiencing the skating oval was another good reason to travel across the Atlantic with his family.

"We know sadly there isn't going to be a white Christmas here and that we are not going to be getting any frozen lakes or ponds," Little said just before getting on the ice. "But we also knew ice skating was big here and we were very eager to try the Oval. It is pretty exciting."

The oval officially opened Monday at 10 a.m. and attendance was brisk. The noon public skate attracted more than 100 visitors of varying ages and abilities who, also for the first time, got access to the newly constructed $2.5 million building near the Cogswell Street entrance.

That facility includes washrooms, a warming area and offices. It also houses equipment rentals, ice resurfacers and storage rooms.

"This is a nice little warm spot to get ready, and having indoor bathrooms is just so much better than a porta-potty," said Lisa Richardson, an avid |oval user who was taking advantage of the indoor benches to lace up her skates.

> **This is the perfect place. There's a great community feel.**
> Karl Conlan

"Me and my kids all like to skate and have been regulars here. I'm glad it's open again for the season."

As in previous years, the city said visitors to the oval can use their own skates and helmets or rent them on-site for free with a valid government-issued photo ID.

Upcoming events at the oval include a New Year's Eve party with fireworks, free public skates and hot chocolate.

For the latest information and a schedule of events at the Oval, visit online at skatehrm.ca.

POLICE

Investigation clears officer in stunning of suspect

An independent investigation has found that a police officer was justified in using a conducted energy weapon on a man who was injured as he fled Halifax police.

The Serious Incident Response Team investigated an incident on March 23 in which police pursued a man accused of stealing money from a purse at a restaurant.

The officers said the man broke free and ran as they tried to arrest him.

The SIR Team says an officer used his stun gun, causing the man to fall to the ground, resulting in skull fractures and a brain injury. The team says there are no grounds for charging the officer because the injury was accidental and unintended. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP arrest two men for attempted armed robbery

Charges are expected after RCMP said two men in camouflage assaulted pharmacy employees in an attempted robbery near Enfield.

Around 9:50 a.m. Monday, Enfield RCMP received a 911 call for an attempted armed robbery at the Kennetcook Pharmacy.

According to a police release, two masked men in camouflage entered the store and demanded prescription drugs.

Both suspects then fled the store in a stolen vehicle. Ten minutes later, both male suspects were without incident. METRO



People are the city's future: Mayor

VISION

Public transit and attracting newcomers are top priorities



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Halifax Mayor Mike Savage says the city's main priority heading into 2016 is simple: people.

"The overall vision of Halifax is of a bigger, more progressive, inclusive city, and that's about people," Savage said in a year-end interview with Metro in his city hall office on Monday.

That means bringing people to Halifax, keeping them here, housing them, and moving them around the city.

"I want Halifax to be seen as a modern, progressive city, with the traditional values of welcoming people regardless of who they worship, what they eat, where they come from, or what they look like," he said.

"In the years to come, the face of Halifax is changing, and I think it's changing for the better."

Savage said he believes a strong economy bolstered by federal shipbuilding contracts will keep newcomers in Halifax, and the city will continue to grow.

Of course, that means having to come up with new ways to move people around the municipality. When asked if he thought Halifax had a transportation problem, Savage said he sees a "transportation opportunity."

"How we're going to move people and transport goods within our boundaries is a huge issue," he said. "We need to have public transit that's effective, that's reliable, that's predictable, that gets key people throughout the urban core and then transports them out."

Savage pointed to the new plan for transit that will be unveiled in 2016, but also new initiatives, saying, "there's an opportunity to do some big projects."

He's said commuter rail is something the city will continue to look at, pointed to an investment of late in ferries, and even suggested Halifax Transit could become involved in water taxis.

Moving people also means making sure roads and sidewalks are cleared through the winter — something that Savage acknowledges the city could've done better last year.

"We were hit by an incredibly difficult two months … but as a city we need to expect that we can manage even the most difficult circumstances," he said.

"I think council as a group has made it clear that we want better."

This coming winter, he said that's going to mean better use of staff resources and contractors, adding improved sidewalk clearing is a major priority.

"If you're going to clear sidewalks, you've got to clear them well, and you've got to make it a priority," he said. "That's one area that I'm convinced that we can do better, and to a higher standard."



Mayor Mike Savage says he sees many opportunities to improve city transportation, bolster the economy and streamline winter snow-clearing. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ABOUT THE MAYOR

- Elected Mayor of Halifax on Oct. 20, 2012
- Served as member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour from 2004 to 2011, before being unseated by former NDP MP Robert Chisholm
- His father, John Savage, was Nova Scotia's Premier in the 1990s
- 55 years old

> **In the years to come, the face of Halifax is changing, and I think it's changing for the better.**
> Mayor Mike Savage

'I LIKE THE JOB'

Savage likely to run in 2016 municipal election

Mayor Mike Savage said he'll make a decision in the New Year, but "there's a very good likelihood" he'll be running in next year's mayoral election.

"I like the job, and there's a very good chance that I will offer for mayor again," Savage said.

Savage had been completely on the fence about running in the October 2016 municipal election, but opened up on Monday about what would draw him back to the job.

"There are times when it's very frustrating, but it's always very rewarding," he said.

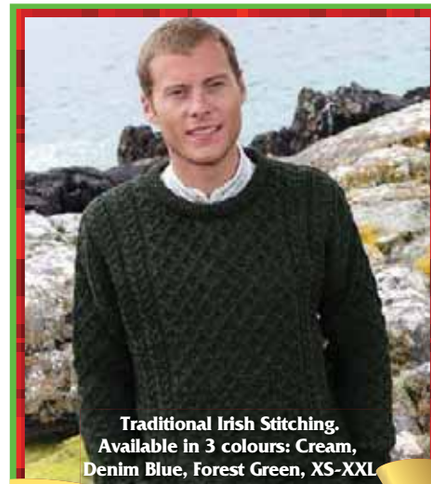
"This is more complex, more difficult and more busy than being a member of Parliament."

Savage said he's been surprised at "the level to which the mayor is expected to weigh in on everything."

"I didn't expect that I would be voting on donairs, I didn't expect that I would be asked about statues and whether they should come down, I didn't expect that I'd be opining on what concerts should come to Halifax," he said.

He said he understood that people wanted to know whether he'd be running, and he'd make the decision early in the New Year. METRO

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TREE FOR BOSTON

Forget the five golden rings: One will do just fine



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Nova Scotia woman got an extra-special package under the Tree for Boston this year.

Just after the lighting ceremony in Boston on Dec. 3, Annapolis Valley native Katrina Hockey was looking forward to seeing a piece of her home province with boyfriend Scott Hendrick and his six-year-old daughter, Finley.

As they neared the skating rink beside the tree, Hendrick knelt down on a bench and Finley pulled a ring out of her pocket.

"They said 'You know, seeing as we're a package deal, we wanted to ask you together if you'd marry us both,'" Hockey said Monday from Parsonsfield, Maine. "It was the cutest thing ever."

Hockey said she met Hendrick, a police officer, and Finley while hiking in Maine in 2013. They started dating. One year later, Hockey said she accepted a job as a registered nurse in southern Maine and moved there in 2014 to be with Hendrick.

Hockey said Hendrick knows of her love for the Tree for Boston.

"From the time I was a little girl I used to watch the lighting with my mother on TV all the time," Hockey said.

During their first Christmas together in 2013, Hockey said they reunited in Boston where Hendrick had called multiple hotels to find a room with a view of the famous tree. "That was one of the most romantic things, that he took all that time," Hockey said.

Hockey said the wedding will likely be in Maine, but a trip back to Nova Scotia is planned — and she's looking into importing an evergreen seedling if possible.

"Then decorate it every year outside. It could be our own Nova Scotia tree," Hockey said.

Lots of love

Since the story was shared on the Tree for Boston Facebook page, it's received hundreds of likes and comments offering congrats from the Maritimes.



Katrina Hockey said the Nova Scotia Tree for Boston feels like a piece of home for her, and has new meaning as the spot where Scott Hendrick and his daughter Finley, proposed to her this year. CONTRIBUTED

RICHARD OLAND CASE

Appeal in works

Work has started on an appeal for Dennis Oland who was convicted on the weekend of second-degree murder in the death of his father, his lawyer said Monday.

Alan Gold said in an email that preparations were underway, but declined to provide details on when it will be filed.

"Obviously, we are all disappointed at this unexpected outcome and preparation has started for an appeal," he said.

The statement comes after a jury found Oland guilty Saturday of second-degree murder in the death of prominent New Brunswick businessman Richard Oland.

Dennis Oland sobbed uncontrollably as the jury read out the verdict in a Saint John courtroom. Family members cried and hugged each other, many appearing stunned by the verdict.

Richard Oland's body was found face down in a pool of blood in his Saint John office on July 7, 2011. He had suffered 45 blunt and sharp force blows to his head, neck and hands. No weapon was ever found.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Dad thrilled by Gofundme donations

John Nowe breaks down in tears when he talks about the response to a Gofundme campaign that asked for $1,200 to help his family at Christmas and ended up with thousands and thousands more.

Nowe says he had to swallow his pride, but after getting laid off from his job a week before Christmas, and with two children with high medical bills, he decided to turn to Gofundme to give his kids a Christmas this year. He says he didn't expect to receive even $1,200. But after the story was published recently in The Advance in Liverpool, Nowe not only got the $1,200, but much much more. His campaign hit almost $9,000 before he cut it off, out of "guilt", he says.

Nowe is a single parent to three children, aged 13, 15 and 18. Two of his children have cystic fibrosis and type 1 diabetes. Nowe also has type 1 diabetes, which requires insulin. Medical bills run at least $1,000 a month.

"I'm a little ecstatic," he says. "Everything just sort of, holy mackerel, just exploded. It's been a very emotional weekend here."

Nowe said he initially decided to ask for help because he was desperate.

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> John Nowe



Carol Eisner says all she wants for her son, Mason, and daughter, Marley, is to raise them to be good people. TC MEDIA

Kettle drive draws kids

SALVATION ARMY

Brother, sister donate part of allowance to help others

Carol Eisner's main hope for her kids was to raise them as thoughtful, kind people. It seems to be working.

Mason, 9, and Marley, 7, two little brown-eyed École Acadienne de Truro students, thrilled members of the Salvation Army kettle crew last week when they dumped in a chunk of their allowance savings to help other kids.

"We had saved up our allowance for I'd say about two years," Mason said, before his mother cut in.

"Just under a year," she said with a laugh.

"Oh, right, just under a year," he repeated. "We get $13 for spending, $5 for long-term savings and $2 for charity each month."

Carol, who works at Maggie's Place, a local family resource centre, got the idea from a book she read. She wanted to instill the meaning of money to her kids at a young age, and show them how it can be used for things other than spending.

"The idea really was to teach them about money and how to organize their finances," she said. "So it was coming up on a year, and we had to decide what to do with the charity portion."

The kids had always been drawn to the kettles, an iconic part of the Salvation Army's charitable cause. The origin of the campaign dates all the way back to 1891, when Captain Joseph McFee set out a kettle near a ferry landing in San Francisco with a sign asking people to give enough to "Keep the kettle boiling."

This year, the Salvation Army aims to raise $60,000 in Truro alone.

Most donations come in the form of small change by shoppers in stores, but the Eisner's came from a bottle full of change totalling $50 — a lot of money for two small children.

So why did they pick the kettle campaign?

"Well, because we wanted all kids to have something, some kind of presents under the tree on Christmas," Mason said.

Mason's first taste of charity came on his fourth birthday, when in lieu of gifts at his birthday party, he asked for donations to the Colchester Food Bank. When the family brought the donations in, they got a tour of the food bank.

"Since that moment, to him it's better than getting presents," Carol said. "It was a genuine thing, not like 'My parents made me do it,' and since then he's wanted to do it every year, which really surprised me."

When they visited the Salvation Army last week, they again received a tour and a look at how their money can help.

"They had that visual for where it goes, so it was wonderful," Carol said.

"It was pretty cool!" Mason chimed in.

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> **I was hoping we could help some of the kids who don't have much.**
> Mason Eisner



Spanking law to be revoked

SECTION 43

End in sight for 'reasonable' force against children

The Liberal government plans to repeal a section of the Criminal Code that protects parents — and teachers — who use spanking and other "reasonable" force against children.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has promised to implement all 94 recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) that investigated the dark history and ongoing legacy of the Indian residential school system. One of them was to repeal section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

"The commission believes that corporal punishment is a relic of a discredited past and has no place in Canadian schools or homes," the TRC wrote in its final report released last week.

A spokesman for Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould confirmed Monday the federal government includes that recommendation in its overall pledge, but said it is too early to get into other details.

"The government is committed to implementing all of the 94 calls to action. However, at this point, we cannot speculate on potential legislative or policy approaches to address this issue," spokesman Christian Girouard wrote in an email Monday.

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PUNISHMENT

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld the "spanking law" in 2004, ruling that physical force could be used by parents and schoolteachers on children between the ages of 2 and 12 years old.



IRAQ DEFENCE MINISTER KEEPS FOCUS ON TRAINING Canadian Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan writes in the visitors book before meeting with Iraqi Kurdish leader Massud Barzani on Monday. Sajjan toured the front lines in the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, meeting with Kurdish military commanders and Canadian special forces who repelled last week's major offensive west of Irbil. SAFIN HAMED/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Online threats a growing concern for universities

Universities are being urged to put resources into monitoring online threats in light of a spate of incidents at North American institutions that intensified after the fatal mass shooting at an Oregon college in October.

William Taylor, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, said many institutions south of the border now hire data-mining services to comb the Internet for concerning posts.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians injured in Vegas

Two Quebecers remained in a Las Vegas hospital with critical head wounds on Monday after a woman struck them and more than 30 other people with her vehicle on a busy sidewalk along the city's famous casino strip. Sheriff Joe Lombardo said one person died and 35 people were injured after Sunday evening's incident, and he does not believe this was an act of terrorism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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China's year of disasters

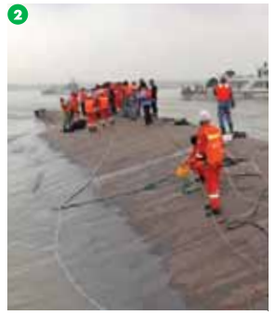
SAFETY REGULATIONS

Four incidents spark outrage, demand for more oversight

China's year of man-made disasters began on New Year's Eve when 36 revelers were killed in a stampede in Shanghai. Four of the incidents in 2015 have prompted the government to pledge to improve industrial oversight and safety regulations:



Chinese Paramilitary police in Shanghai. GETTY IMAGES



Rescuers search for survivors in the Yangtze River. GETTY IMAGES



Fire and smoke rises after explosions in Tianjin. GETTY IMAGES



The aftermath of a landslide in Shenzhen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Shanghai Stampede:
About 30 minutes before midnight on Dec. 31, 2014, people were jostling to climb a viewing platform next to the Pu river on the scenic Bund promenade when the stampede started. The crush killed 36 people and injured 49, blemishing the image of China's most prosperous and modern metropolis. Investigators found local police were unprepared to handle the size of the crowd, estimated at 300,000 people. The Communist Party boss, district police chief and a third local official in the Huangpu riverfront district were fired and disciplined for corruption.

2 Yangtze Sinking:
The Eastern Star cruise ship capsized in severe winds on the Yangtze River, causing China's worst shipwreck in more than 60 years. More than 440 people died in the June 1 disaster. Captain Zhang Shunwen was arrested after he was rescued from the river, with investigators looking into why he chose to sail into the storm instead of dropping anchor. A government agency in years prior had cited the ship for safety violations.

3 Tianjin Explosions:
A series of explosions at a chemical warehouse on Aug. 12 levelled a swath of the port city of Tianjin, killing 173 and injuring nearly 800. Investigators found that a company, Ruihai Logistics, illegally had stored the combustible chemicals within 1 kilometre of a residential area. The Communist Party's anti-graft watchdog placed the administrator of China's work safety regulator, Yang Dongliang, who had previously served as Tianjin vice mayor, under investigation.

4 Shenzhen Landslide:
A mountain of excavated soil and construction waste toppled after being soaked by heavy rains, hitting buildings in an industrial park in Shenzhen on Dec. 20. At least 85 people are missing, and an official microblog said survival possibilities in the collapsed buildings were small.

Some residents have blamed government negligence for allowing the giant debris pile to build up, while questions have been raised about the weaknesses of the factories and dormitories that crumbled under the landslide.

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HEALTH SCIENCE

Blood policies amended

The three-decade-old U.S. ban on blood donations from gay and bisexual men was formally lifted Monday, but major restrictions will continue to limit who can donate.

The Food and Drug Administration said it is replacing the lifetime ban with a new policy barring donations from men who have had sex with a man in the previous year. While the one-year-ban has been criticized by activists it matches policies in other countries, including Australia, Japan and the U.K.

Gay rights activists said the new policy is a "step in the right direction," but falls short.

"It continues to stigmatize gay and bisexual men," said David Stacy, of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest U.S. gay rights group. "It simply cannot be justified in light of current scientific research and updated blood screening technology."

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KENYA

Muslims hide bus passengers from armed militants

Muslims in a bus in northern Kenya helped dress non-Muslims passengers in Islamic garb, to prevent Islamic extremists from identifying them for slaughter, witnesses said Monday.

Two people died in the attacks in northern Mandera County when gunmen believed to be Somalia's al-Shabab rebels shot at a bus and truck headed for Mandera town, North Eastern Regional Coordinator Mohamud Saleh said.

The bus was from travelling from the capital city, Nairobi, with 60 passengers when it was stopped at Papa City by a group of Islamic militants who shot the windscreen, witnesses said.

Abdrirahman Hussien, a 28-year-old teacher, said some of the Muslim passengers gave non-Muslims head scarfs to try and conceal their identities when the bus stopped, probably remembering a previous attack in the same region last year when al-Shabab gunmen killed 28 non-Muslims from a bus.

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Al-Shabab separated non-Muslims from Muslims on a bus on Nov 22, 2014, and killed 28 non-Muslims. That December, 36 non-Muslim quarry workers were killed.
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An extremist entered the bus and ordered everyone to get out and form two separate groups of non-Muslims and Muslims, said Hussein. One person, a non-Muslim decided to run and was shot in the back and died, he said. He said several non-Muslims managed to group with the Muslims.

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POLITICS

Lindsay Graham out of 2016 presidential race
Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham ended his 2016 campaign for president Monday. The 60-year-old senator said he remains committed to working to achieve security for the American people and helping the GOP expand its base. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Realtors try virtual reality

REAL ESTATE

Toronto firm turns floor plans into 3D mockups

Overseas investors looking to park their money in Canadian real estate could soon be donning headsets and touring upcoming condo developments in virtual reality, according to the founder of a Toronto-based technology firm.

Invent Dev turns floor plans of new developments into 3D, immersive mockups that can be experienced in virtual reality, such as through the Oculus Rift system, or via the Samsung Gear VR headset.

David Payne, the company's founder and CEO, says he's been getting tremendous interest from the Chinese community.

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Foreign investors are willing to buy condos without visiting them in person first.

"They are very excited about the potential," he said, noting that in the past week alone he has received three media inquiries from Chinese news outlets.

The technology could help Canadian developers tap into global markets by allowing prospective buyers to tour a space without ever having to board a plane, he said. "They can now, from the comfort of their own home, view any floor plan that they want, with the finishes they want, and feel like they're actually inside that home," says Payne.

The technology can benefit developers in other ways as well, says Payne.

Rather than building model suites, Lifestyle Custom Homes employed Invent Dev's technology to create virtual reality mockups of its upcoming development in Toronto's Leslieville neighbourhood — a significant cost saving for the company, says Payne.

While full-blown virtual reality — the kind that's experienced through a headset — is relatively new in the Canadian real estate industry, a number of agents have been using other technologies to create immersive experiences of homes.



Invent Dev founder David Payne says virtual reality technology could help Canadian developers tap into global markets. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cameras such as the Matterport Pro 3D can scan an existing home and create a three-dimensional rendering of it that can be viewed through a simple web browser. A number of Toronto-based brokers with Sotheby's International Realty Canada, which works with a large proportion of overseas buyers, started using the technology earlier this year.

Ara Mamourian says his brokerage, SpringRealty.ca, has been using online virtual tours for all of its listings since 2013. One of the things that prompted Mamourian to start offering the service was a high number of calls from overseas buyers.

"They … can essentially walk through the house and actually feel how big the rooms are, or how small the rooms are, without being fooled by that wide-angle lens," he says.

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FISHING

Thailand denies ignoring shrimp industry slavery

Thailand's government said Monday it is not ignoring the slavery and forced labour in its lucrative shrimp industry that was highlighted in an Associated Press investigation published last week. At the news conference Monday, government officials did not deny the existence of forced labour but they disputed parts of the story, especially the AP's assertion that police took bribes and turned a blind eye to the practices in the industry.

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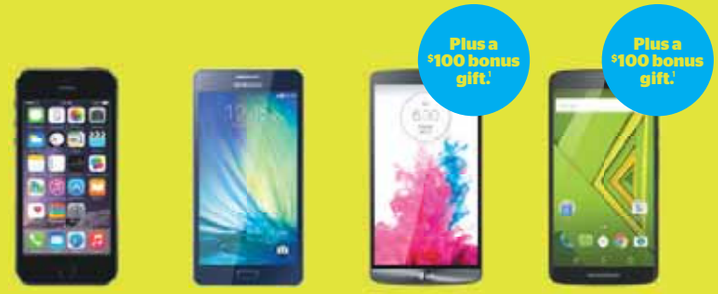
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Witnesses who can pick a recent robbery culprit out of a line-up are usually right, a new study says. But if the test is done months later at trial, false memories may have taken hold.

EMMA TEITEL: ON A BEAUTY QUEEN'S BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Can you honestly say you remember last year's Miss Universe winner — or runner-up? I know I can't, because last year's pageant was a blunder-free affair.



If Aliens crash land on earth tomorrow and demand to know what humans mean when they write #Fail, world leaders should provide them with a tape of Sunday night's Miss Universe pageant.

The now-viral event was more awkward than a thousand puberties because its host, comedian Steve Harvey, accidentally crowned the wrong beauty queen. Harvey misread his most important cue card and declared Ariadna Gutierrez Arevalo, a.k.a. Miss Colombia, winner of the competition, when in fact she was first runner-up. When Gutierrez proceeded to bask in her newfound glory — the sparkly tiara already resting on her head — Harvey interjected to announce his mistake. The rightful recipient of the Miss Universe title was in fact, Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach, a.k.a. Miss Philippines, who, thoroughly confused, walked to centre stage where she was forced to claimed her competitor's crown.

Nobody was a winner on Sunday, not Miss Colombia, who likely lived her worst nightmare, not Wurtzbach who was deprived of her shining moment, and certainly not Harvey, whose initial tweet apologizing for his error was itself rife with errors; he spelled both the Philippines and Colombia incorrectly. (Harvey, the author of a popular dating advice book, Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man, should consider writing a new tome: "Read Everything Twice." This year's Miss Universe pageant appears to be a lose-lose-lose situation; the sort of colossal public slip-up in which you feel deeply sorry for everyone involved.

But appearances can be deceiving — especially where beauty pageants are concerned. Take a step back from the cruel spectacle of the event, and Harvey's mistake, unfortunate and awkward as it was, may actually be a blessing for the women affected. For starters, we know their names. Can you honestly say that you remember last year's Miss Universe winner — or runner-up? I know I can't because last year's pageant was a blunder-free affair. If the goal of the pageant contestant is to be crowned before an adoring audience and strut across a stage blowing kisses uninterrupted, then Gutierrez Arevalo and Wurtzbach have every reason to curl up in a ball and cry. But if their goal is lasting exposure and relevance on the world stage, they should rejoice.



Temporary tears The accidental crowning of Ariadna Gutierrez Arevalo, above, may have been quickly followed by the sting of disappointment, but both the victorious Miss Universe and the hastily re-christened runner-up should be grateful for the publicity, Emma Teitel writes. GETTY IMAGES

Thanks to Harvey's epic mess-up they will be remembered! This is especially true of Gutierrez Arevalo. Sure she was humiliated and dethroned on live television in front of millions of people, but had there been no mix-up and ensuing chaos she would be a complete unknown today — unable to command international media attention and (what will likely come in the following weeks and months) high profile party appearances, and speaking engagements. You can see it now, in lights: "The Girl Who Was Almost Queen."

This runner-up-as-star principle isn't exactly unprecedented. In 2010 Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga came extremely close to pitching a perfect game when umpire Jim Joyce — the Steve Harvey in this scenario — made an incorrect call, ruling one of Galarraga's opponents safe on base when he was, in fact, out. Thanks to Joyce (who, like Harvey, apologized profusely for his bad call), Galarraga didn't get his perfect game. But he did get boatloads of respect and sympathy from media and baseball fans. In fact, the incident, known today as "the Imperfect Game" or the "Galarraga game" is remembered as an example of pitching genius and a spectacle of good sportsmanship (Galarraga was unusually gracious in the face a terrible call).

It's hard to believe that Galarraga's game would stand out so distinctly today had he gotten his wish and pitched a perfect game. In fact, you could argue that more people know who he is precisely because he was the victim of a bad call. The same can be said about Ariadna Gutierrez Arevalo who, thanks to Harvey's colossal mistake and the graciousness with which she gave up her crown, will not slink into obscurity. It's possible she'll be remembered longer than her competitor.

"No one remembers who came in second," said the golfer Walter Hagen. The quote is a favourite among "winners" — among them, surprise, surprise, Donald Trump. But perhaps it's time to amend the expression — or more specifically, to complete it. No one remembers who came in second, unless of course, they got royally screwed out of first.

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metroview

'Real change' under Trudeau doesn't even begin to cover it



Richard Gwyn

For roughly the next fortnight, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will have nothing more strenuous to do than enjoy himself with his family and utter occasional seasonal pleasantries.

He's more than earned this time off. For six weeks now, Trudeau has been going like a bat out of hell, or, more directly, like a politician convinced he should, and can, transform the country, and even to some extent the world itself.

His pace is unprecedented. The one parallel in our history is the commitment Lester Pearson made to start his tenure with "60 Days of Decision," or doing everything better than had his predecessor, John Diefenbaker.

His program came to an abrupt end when his finance minister, Walter Gordon, brought down a bungled budget he then had to withdraw. Thereafter Pearson moved cautiously, although he went on to introduce universal health care, the Canada Pension Plan, and our flag.

Trudeau has moved far faster. His single most important project would transform the relationship between native people and other Canadians by implementing the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and granting "nation-to-nation" status, near autonomy, to indigenous organizations, political and cultural.

Others are as ambitious. Canada's first-ever serious commitment to climate change. An increase in taxes to generate more jobs for the middle class, but at the cost of increasing the deficit. A new electoral system.

And on and on. A new relationship between the provinces and the federal government. Withdrawing Canadian troops from the Middle East except as trainers well away from the front lines. Bringing 25,000 refugees from Syria.

Trudeau's phrase "real change" is inadequate. Only in the years after the Second World War, when Canadians first embraced the welfare state, has the country been challenged by so radical a political and cultural program.

Signs of stress have begun to appear. At the climate conference in Paris, Trudeau declared that on this issue Canada would exercise "a new leadership role." He was overdoing it by a wide margin. We're latecomers to the cause. We account for only 1.6 per cent of global emissions.

The sharpest stress comes from the economy. Finance Minister Bill Morneau has signalled the promise to hold the increased debt to $10 billion over two years is out of date.

The sense that "Canada is back" hasn't changed. Trudeau should use the break to keep doing what he's doing, a good deal more slowly. He has a huge majority on his side. But if their jobs vanish or their salaries shrink, the loyalty of many will turn to themselves and their families.

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CAROLS

Study looks at lyrical tributes to weather in popular song

Singing through the seasons



For songwriters, weather can act as a muse or as a metaphor for love. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Holiday songs mention the heat nearly as often as they do the snow, according to a recent study by British meteorologists who combed through pop music lyrics looking for references to the weather.

"Perhaps surprisingly, in Christmas songs in our primary list the word 'cold' is used less than one might expect, but instead is implied through idealistic Christmas images of snow," the authors say.

Take Let It Snow, for example: "Oh the weather outside is frightful/But the fire is so delightful."

Many holiday songs feature some version of this contrast because they are written for an audience in the northern hemisphere, the researchers say.

The only exception they found was the upbeat Christmas countryfolk single Summer by Australia's Sunny Cowgirls, which describes barbecues, jetskiing and "runnin' round with the sprinklers on."

Sally Brown and her co-authors from the universities of Oxford, Newcastle and Reading didn't only study Christmas-themed music; they found 759 weather songs in a karaoke database, from Good Day Sunshine to Blowin' in the Wind. (The majority of the weather songs, in fact, were by The Beatles or Bob Dylan.)

The researchers' aim was to investigate "how society portrays weather in music and the types of weather that inspire musicians." But they also just wanted to have a little fun, the lead author Sally Brown, a research fellow at the University of Southampton, told the Toronto Star.

It all started on a lark, she said. At a conference in 2012, the meteorologists played an ice-breaker game where they listed off weather-related tunes: You Are the Sunshine of My Life, Walking on Sunshine, It's Raining Men — the list went on.

They had so much fun doing it that they continued in their spare time, between studying coastal geomorphology and experimental atmospheric physics, Brown said.

Out of the 190 songs that had weather as a primary theme, sun and sunshine were the most common references, followed by rain.

The researchers say they may explore the subject further by studying music in other languages or focusing on certain genres.

Whether they do or not, their experiment has already changed the way some of the authors listen to music.

"Last week, I was working away in a hotel and they had Christmas music and I was counting the weather references," Brown said. "It was Frosty the Snowman." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

STUDY FINDINGS

Weather holds the key

Very often, the weather is used as a metaphor for love or a relationship, lead author Sally Brown, a research fellow at the University of Southampton noted.

Bus Stop by The Hollies, for example: "All that summer/We enjoyed it/Wind and rain and shine/That umbrella, we employed it/By August, she was mine."

For some songwriters, the weather seems to have acted as their muse.

George Harrison apparently wrote Here Comes the Sun after leaving a business meeting in April 1969, on the first sunny day of the year after a particularly dreary winter, according to the study. Meteorological records show that that April was the sunniest month on record until 1984. When Harrison sang "It's been a long cold lonely winter," he may have been speaking literally.

They also found a correlation between certain weather references and the keys that a song is in. Mentioning the sun "significantly increases the probability" that a song is in a major key, while songs in minor or mixed keys are more likely to mention the rain. If a song in their database mentioned a rainbow, it was 100 per cent likely to be in a major key. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dr. Vanessa Lapointe says that as a psychologist, about 90 per cent of the parents she sees come in because of behavioral challenges in their children. CONTRIBUTED

PARENTING

Discipline by fear is a short term solution, expert says

Picture your kid misbehaving. Maybe they're jumping on the sofa, or having a meltdown, or throwing toys at their siblings. As a parent — what do you do? Send them to their room, make them skip dinner… or offer them a reward if they cut it out, perhaps?

You might want to rethink your methods, according to a new book from Vancouver-based psychologist Dr. Vanessa Lapointe. In Discipline Without Damage: How to Get Your Kids to Behave Without Messing Them Up (out in January), the mother of two puts parenting strategies in perspective — and debunks some popular ways to discipline your kids.

Lapointe talks about why certain forms of discipline can impact kids' development, and what parents should do instead.

In the book, you talk about common ways parents handle those moments of acting out — things like time-outs, grounding kids, and offering rewards. What's wrong with those long-engrained approaches?

First of all, we have to land at why those approaches have become so popular. It's because they afford instant gratification. When you give a child a time out, you're going to have an immediate reaction — the child stopping their behaviour. Yes, you've got the behaviour to stop, but you've managed to stop it at a cost — it's out of fear. It's like going to the carnival and you play the whack-a-mole game; you've whacked it down, but it's going to pop up in another way, like another behaviour or frustration, because the child continues to have this unmet need for the parent to come alongside them. Frustration often morphs into aggression, either outwardly or inwardly directed, which could mean self-loathing or self-harm.

So what's the better way to discipline kids, then?

The thing is, children are going to be children, based on how their brains are growing. Behaviours we look at as challenging are just a natural part of being a child. We need to come alongside and connect with them. The key to discipline without damage is to be disciplining through a relational connection with your child that meets them in their natural state.

You give one example of a mom calming down her daughter Sophia by taking her aside and explaining a situation to her calmly. It seems great, but how do parents achieve that in moments of stress and frustration?

Parents need to be in a regulated state to come alongside their children and be the regulator in that relationship. When you're looking in on a child who's engaged in some kind of challenging behaviour, you might see that behaviour as that of a child who needs to be schooled and put into place. Instead of seeing your child as a brat, see them as someone who is having a hard time while their brain is really fired up. When you see them through those kinds of eyes, it invites a whole new kind of emotion. If you lived in my house, I'm not a rock star, and I'm not doing this perfectly all the time. There are days when I'm a hot mess! But no-one says you need to be perfect — you just need to do this enough times so your child's neural circuitry holds onto enough over time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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WORLD JUNIORS

Toronto keeping close eye on five top U-20 prospects

Mitch Marner and William Nylander are two of the biggest names at this year's world junior hockey championship, and Mark Hunter hopes that means good things for the future of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Marner, the fourth-overall pick in 2015, and defenceman Travis Dermott will be playing for Canada, while forwards Nylander and Dmytro Timashov will represent Sweden and winger Kasperi Kapanen will don the blue-and-white of host Finland.

"I think it's great for the organization," Hunter, the Leafs' director of player personnel, said on a conference call Monday morning. "I think over the years if you've seen these players who had big world juniors they've also done very well in the National Hockey League for years to come."

All five players are thriving in major junior or the American Hockey League, but Hunter thinks they can refine their games even more on the world stage.

"I think it's an experience and the hype and the emotion that you're going to get in the National Hockey League is what these players will get from (the world juniors)," said Hunter. "I think it's important to feel that emotion and I think it's such a hyped-up tournament.

"Of course, the other side is in the competition. The competition is the best in the world at that age. To be one of the best in that tournament, as a player and as a team, it's important to their career."

Marner was taken fourth overall in the 2015 NHL draft and is third in the Ontario Hockey League's point race with 22 goals and 36 assists in 25 games for the London Knights. Dermott was taken in the second round, 34th overall, in the 2015 draft. He has two goals, 25 assists and a plus-21 rating after 29 games with the OHL's Erie Otters.

Nylander leads the AHL with 14 goals and 20 assists in 27 games for the Toronto Marlies, while Kapanen has five goals and five assists in 17 games.

Timashov is sixth in the QMJHL's points race with 18 goals and 35 assists in 29 games for the Quebec Remparts.

Canada plays Sweden on Wednesday in a pre-competition exhibition that will see Marner and Dermott square off against Nylander and Timashov.

Canada and Sweden will meet again on Dec. 31 in the preliminary round.

"It's going to be fun to watch, that's what it's all about," said Hunter, who will travel to Helsinki, Finland, to watch. "It's going to be a good game that I'm going to enjoy watching."

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LOOK BACK

The Leafs have not had multiple prospects on Canada's junior team since 2003 when they sent Carlo Colaiacovo, Ian White, Kyle Wellwood, Matt Stajan and Brendan Bell to the Halifax-hosted tournament.

Colaiacovo (Buffalo) and Stajan (Calgary) are the only two still currently playing in the NHL.



Mitch Marner should feature prominently when Team Canada kicks off the world junior championship against Team USA on Boxing Day. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Travis Dermott (Canada), William Nylander (Sweden), Dmytro Timashov (Sweden) and Kasperi Kapanen (Finland) join Marner in Helsinki. GETTY IMAGES

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QMJHL

Moose deal away another defender



Philip Croucher
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The Mooseheads have traded away another veteran defenceman.

On Monday, the team announced Cody Donaghey had been dealt to the Moncton Wildcats for forward Michael O'Leary, a second-round draft pick in 2016 and a fourth-round pick in 2017.

Donaghey, a draft pick of the Maple Leafs who recently signed an entry-level contract, played in 21 games this season for Halifax. The 19-year-old recorded four goals, 11 points, 33 penalty minutes and a minus-one rating.

O'Leary, who turns 18 on Jan. 1, is currently playing with Dubuque Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League where he has produced six points in 24 games this season. It's unclear whether or not O'Leary will immediately join Halifax.

On Saturday, the rebuilding Herd dealt blue liner Cavan Fitzgerald, 19, to the Shawinigan Cataractes for defenceman Jocktan Chainey, 16, and a 2016 third-round pick.

TRADE WINDOW

The QMJHL trade window began Saturday and runs until early January.

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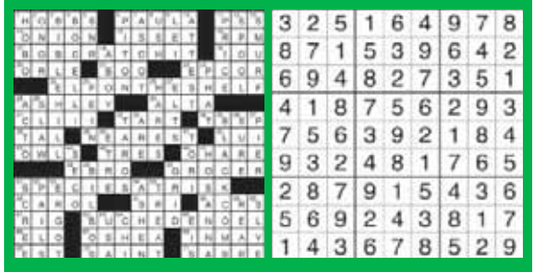
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IN BRIEF

Varlamov's sparkling net work earns first star

Colorado Avalanche goaltender Semyon Varlamov, Washington Capitals right-wing T.J. Oshie and Minnesota Wild centre Mikko Koivu have been named the NHL three stars of the week.

Varlamov was named first star after posting a 3-0-0 record with a 0.67 goals-against average, .981 save percentage and one shutout to help the Avalanche extend their winning streak to five games.

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Beckham gets 1-game ban

The NFL has suspended New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. for one game for his conduct in Sunday's loss to Carolina in which he drew three personal foul penalties.

Beckham would miss Sunday night's game at Minnesota. He has the right to appeal the suspension that was announced Monday.

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Arsenal improves BPL title hopes with win

Arsenal boosted its Premier League title hopes and dented Manchester City's chances with a 2-1 victory over its rival at the Emirates Stadium on Monday.

Moments after Kevin De Bruyne wasted a clear chance to put City ahead, Theo Walcott gave Arsenal the lead with a ferocious low strike in the 33rd minute.

On the stroke of half-time, Olivier Giroud made it 2-0, drilling a shot through Joe Hart's legs. Yaya Toure pulled a goal back for City.

The win takes Arsenal to 36 points, two behind leaders Leicester.

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John Herdman high-fives fans prior to the start of the FIFA Women's World Cup quarter-final match at BC Place, between England and Canada in June. RICH KAM/GETTY IMAGES

Learn from the pain: Herdman

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach tells his team World Cup heartbreak a growth lesson

John Herdman doesn't want his players to forget their World Cup pain.

The Canadian women's national team was left bitterly disappointed this summer after crashing out of a tournament the hosts felt was there for the taking, losing 2-1 to England in a heartbreaking quarter-final.

Six months later and with preparations well underway for 2016 Olympic qualifying, Canada's head coach hasn't sensed a World Cup hangover, but rather a renewed belief.

"I don't think you move past something like that," said Herdman. "You have to move through those things. You have to reframe. You have to look at the things that worked well for us that we were really happy about. And you have to look at other aspects where we need to grow."

With that in mind, Canada just wrapped up a four-team event over the weekend in Brazil that saw the squad finish second after losing the final 3-1 to the hosts.

Herdman brought a mixture of youth and experience to South America following a training camp in Vancouver, with teenagers Kennedy Faulknor (16), Deanne Rose (16), Gabrielle Carle (17) and Marie Levasseur (18) all making their full international debuts.

"What stood out was the performances of the team in some of the games where you really did get to see the quality that we could have moving forward," Herdman said in a telephone interview from Brazil. "The senior players have cultivated a culture where these kids can come in and really play in all phases."

> **You have to move through those things.**
> John Herdman

Speed and scoring were among the areas where Canada was lacking at the World Cup. Herdman is hopeful that some of the new blood will help.

"I think the team is comfortable that we've got strategy and structure down," he said. "It's now bringing that alive — that winning mindset."

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FIFA

Blatter goes down swinging

Banished from soccer's ruling body for eight years for unethical conduct, Sepp Blatter won't give up the presidency of his beloved FIFA without a fight.

"I will fight. I will fight until the end," Blatter said Monday at a news conference that started 90 minutes after he and former protege, vice-president Michel Platini, were each banned by FIFA's ethics committee.

It was a stunning removal of world soccer's most powerful leaders over a $2 million payment by FIFA to Platini, the president of European soccer's ruling body UEFA. The payment is also the subject of a criminal investigation in Switzerland.

"I'm sad. It can't go on this way. It's not possible," said the 79-year-old Blatter, who has spent more than half his life working for soccer's scandal-hit governing body. "After 40 years, it can't happen this way. I'm fighting to restore my rights."

Already serving a provisional ban, the elected FIFA president and Platini, his long-time likely successor were kicked out of the sport just two months before 209 member federations elect a new leader. Their offences were judged to be conflict of interest and disloyalty to FIFA. They avoided life bans because corruption was not proven. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sepp Blatter: Eight-year ban
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LOWE, Ada Marie

age 85 of Halifax passed away peacefully on December 19, 2015. Ada is survived by her son; Joe; sisters, Hazel and Florence; former daughter-in-law, Ellie; granddaughter, Lisa (Jason); grandson, Chuck (Stephanie); 5 great grandchildren, Nolan, Landon, Kalan, Rylan and Jackson; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, Harold; son, Charles; sisters, Pearl, Margie and Lottie; brothers, Gerald, Bobby and Morris. Cremation has taken place. A spring burial will follow at a later date. Online condolences can be made at: www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com (Halifax)

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RECIPE Tuscan Chicken Skillet Dinner



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

With meat, veggies and legumes in a single recipe, you don't need anything else for dinner. And you won't miss the mess of more than one pan to clean!

Ready in
Prep time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 tsp oregano
- 1/4 tsp thyme
- 1 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes
- 14 oz can cannellini beans, drained
- 19 oz can tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Pour the oil into a large skillet and warm to medium heat. Brown the chicken. You may have to work in batches. Remove from the pan and set aside. Drain all but about 1 or 2 Tbsp of fat.

2. Add the mushrooms, oregano and thyme to the pan and allow the mushrooms to become quite soft and brown. Remove them from the pan and set aside.

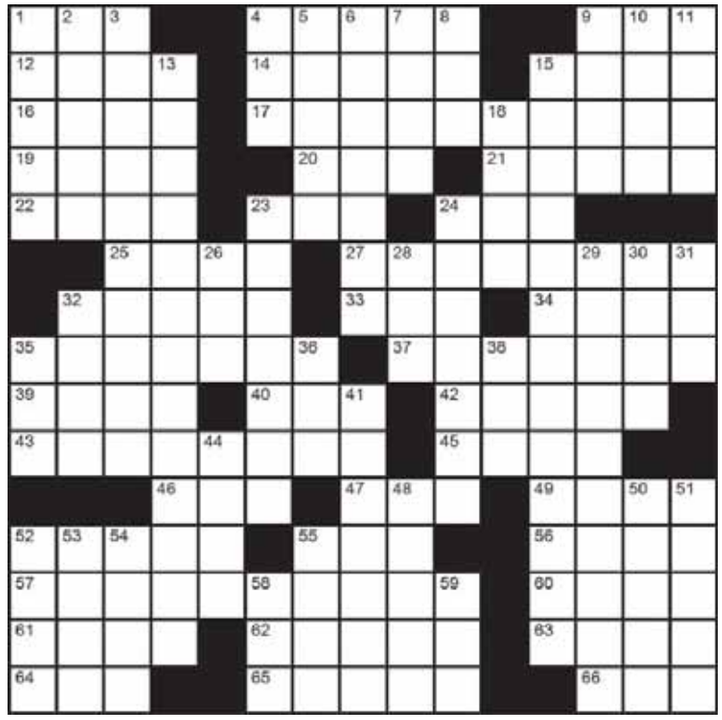
3. Add the onion and garlic and cook for about 3 minutes until they're soft and fragrant. Add the sugar, sun dried tomatoes, canned tomatoes and beans. Simmer for about 5 minutes, breaking up the tomatoes with the back of a spoon.

4. Gently tip in the chicken and mushrooms and simmer for another 10 minutes, until the meat is cooked through.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Puny planes posting
4. Bing Crosby's Christmas medley duettist David
9. Li'l hairstyles
12. Cartography subj.
14. 'Pine' is a popular one at Christmas
15. Hourly pay
16. Tech sch. grad
17. Sporty character voiced by Canadian actor Paul Kligman in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer": 2 wds.
19. Roughly
20. Realty database, commonly
21. Beginning
22. Genuine
23. Comprehend
24. Towels holder
25. Houston ML-Ber, to fans
27. "Up on the __ __": Christmas tune that goes "Down through the chimney with lots of toys..."
32. Burglar
33. Lieutenant Tasha __ ("Star Trek: The Next Generation" role)
34. Ploy
35. "Gimme Little Sign": 1967 hit for __ Wood
37. Ritzy spice
39. Tennis great Bjorn
40. Egg mass
42. Clods
43. Treats left for Santa
45. Lounge around
46. Ctrl, Shift, __
47. Long river in Scotland
49. Jeans tops
52. "Let __ Be Peace on Earth"
55. __ Mahal
56. Stagnate
57. "We Three Kings of Orient Are"... "Field and fountain, moor and mountain / Following __ __."
60. Change position
61. Seal herds
62. Buy
63. By any chance
64. Photo __ (PR events)
65. Groups, briefly
66. Cousin of -ette

DOWN
1. Spew
2. Opera voice
3. People like Yukon Cornelius when travelling: 2 wds.
4. Grad letters
5. "_ __, All Ye Faithful"
6. Rich
7. Bus. name abbreviations
8. Ordinal suffix
9. Beaver creations
10. S-shaped moulding
11. Cobblestone
13. Holiday things sent/received: 2 wds.
15. "It's the Most __ __ of the Year": Classic tune on #48-Down
18. Dove murmurs
23. "Don't hold back!": 3 wds.
24. In a country style
26. Soak flax
28. '_' __ in Ornament
29. Bird in "The Twelve Days of Christmas": 2 wds.
30. Bears, in Barcelona
31. Write
32. Deanna __ (Counselor on "Star Trek: The Next Generation")
35. 'Start With Trust' is this org.'s slogan
36. "__ so fast!"
38. __ Fighters (Rock band)
41. Mansion settings
44. Peter Fonda title role
48. Current festive album produced by Bob Rock: '_ __ Arden Christmas'
50. North Pole toyshop workers
51. Soothsayers
52. 'Winter' as Wnter
53. Basketball net
54. Halts
55. Tea stirrers [abbr.]
58. Cape Town's home [acronym]
59. Li'l streets

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are on your way up in the world. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart means if you have a plan and if you make the effort there is nothing you cannot accomplish.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun's change of signs endows you with almost limitless confidence. But try not to take life too seriously. Make a point of seeing the funny side of everything that happens.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The week will bring to light something you have been trying to hide from yourself. If you want to get over it now is the time to face up to your demons. They are not as terrifying as you imagine.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Get over any embarrassment you might feel at revealing your innermost feelings. Even if you are the kind of Cancerian who keeps your emotions in check you will want to share what is in your heart.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything you begin will have the stamp of success on it, so long as you start slowly and don't take silly risks. You have big ambitions but you still need to take care of your health.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making this one of the best times of the year for getting things done. Have a plan and pace yourself.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As from today you will feel a lot more positive about what kind of person you are and what kind of things you should be doing in your life. If you feel yourself pulled in a new direction don't let others talk you out of it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You'll let others know what you think and feel today. However, that does not mean you should tell them everything about yourself. It could give rivals information to use against you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The efforts and sacrifices you've made recently have not been in vain, and your financial situation will improve by the end of the week. Don't rely on promises — get cash in hand.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you focus your energy in a single direction you'll achieve something amazing. There can be no more doubts or wondering if you are making the right moves. Choose a path.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You're about to get yet another opportunity to overcome a fear and you must take it. Stop worrying about life and start living it and enjoying it. There are so many good things in the world.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone you meet on your travels will become a good friend and also a partner who can assist with the big projects you've got lined up. Your needs and theirs are closely related.

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